



Bluewater Bay Sailing Club NEWSLETTER

October/November 2015

Promoting Sailing, Boating, & Related Activities!

2015 : YEAR-IN-REVIEW

January 17: Bluenose Fun Race
— JAM #1

January 31: JAM #2

February 14: Chili Dog Cook-off & Fun
Regatta — JAM #3



February 27: Spring Meeting

February 28: JAM #4

March 4: Unofficial Wednesday Night
Races Start

March 7: Kick-Off Regatta with Eglin
Yacht Club — JAM #5

March 28: Spring Regatta



March 4: Wednesday Night Race
Meeting

April 1: Wednesday Night Races Start

April 11: Pick Your Poison

April 17: Friday Night Raft-Up #1



April 19: Small Boat Regatta #1

May 2: Shrimp Boil

May 9: Sailfest



May 16 to 25: Spring Cruise

May 17: Small Boat Regatta #2

May 30: Round the Bay West



June 14: Small Boat Regatta #3

June 19: Friday Night Raft-Up #2

June 27: Round-the-Bay East

July 11: Double Handed Regatta

July 12: Small Boat Regatta #4

July 17: Friday Night Raft Up #3

August 1: Night Race

August 9: Small Boat Regatta #5

August 29: Ladybug Regatta



September 12: Challenge Cup

September 13: Small Boat Regatta #6

September 26: Race to the Park —
50th Anniversary of Sailing Club



September 30: Last Official
Wednesday Night

October 7: Unofficial Wednesday
Night Races Start

October 9: Friday Night Raft Up #4

October 17: Single Handed

October 17 to 24: Bay Cruise



October 18: Small Boat Regatta #7

November 7: Grande Finale



UPCOMING:

December 5: JAM #6

January 9: Awards Banquet

Crusin' Around



Hello all cruisers. Here's a recap of recent activities and announcement of upcoming plans.

9/26 Race to Park/BBSC 50th Anniversary

Around 45 club members attended the 50th anniversary celebration at Lincoln Park, which was held together with the annual race to the park. Weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed reminiscing about past events. Attendees feasted on BBQ from Jim 'N Nick's, pizza from Helen Back, a decorated cake from Publix and some terrific side dishes. Check out the pictures on the BBSC Facebook page.

10/9 Friday Raft Up #4

Four boats enjoyed cooler temperatures at the last Friday raft up for the year. Present were: Joe and Jan Conrad, John and Susan Hiemstra, Pat, Colleen, Tom and Betty Ballasch and Brian and Ann Gwinnup and Family. Although I couldn't make the raft up, the sailors came up with their own contest: "Blow your conch off." The challenge was to see who could sustain the longest blow on a conch shell. Ann was the winner, and her rum is on the way. Pictures and commentary are posted on our Facebook page. Thanks to everyone who participated.

10/17-24 Bay Cruise

The Bay Cruise takes the place of our regular fall cruise. The idea is to spend several days sailing our local area, where the plan each day depends on weather and wind direction, rather than the desire to get to some particular destination.

Eight boats braved some strong east winds on the cruise. Those participating included: Joe and Jan Conrad(Raconteur), Denis and Melissa Duhaime(Victoria), Chic and Patti Fries(Estrellita), John and Susan Hiemstra(Pirates Dream), Pete and Kathy

Hodges(Island Time), Dave and Jill Lauderbaugh(Magnolia), Paul and Karen McCarley(Adagio) and Phil and Eveline Rosegrant(Lovely Crews).

We encountered terrific weather, and enjoyed several anchorages, happy hours and dining locations: Hogtown Bayou, Boggy Bayou(Ernies Dockside), Cinco Bayou(Fort Walton YC Taco Night and lunch at Joe's Crab Trap), Boggy Bayou(Tucker Dukes), South of Intracoastal marker 15 near Brooks Bridge(Bay Café) and Choctawhatchee Bay near Mid Bay Bridge(Lulu's for lunch). Along the way John and Susan claimed their raft up rum, and Susan provided the ladies with a fun craft hour, which resulted in a nice starfish Christmas ornament. Our anchors and dinghies got quite a workout, and the dinghy towing contest to Bay Café was a sight to behold! Please see entries on our Facebook page.

11/20 Beach Bonfire Bash

In lieu of another raft up, we have a shore party planned at the Raintree Estates beach pavilion on Friday November 20th at 6pm. Bring your drinks and a dish to share. For parking, go through the gate entrance, located on Southminister Court, Raintree Estates.

We'll use the Cruising email list to contact cruisers for last minute updates, so please contact me if you want to be included, and haven't yet done so.



Cheers
Pete Hodges
Rear Commodore

COMMODORE'S

STATION

Greetings BBSC fan club! I hope this letter finds you well and able to get out and enjoy the cooler weather we have been blessed with. This is by far my favorite time of year! Fantastic sunsets, cool breezes, holiday colors, and plenty of other reasons for Thanksgiving! It has been a great year to date and I find it unbelievable that we only have a few more events left to close the year out. We have a fun gathering planned this Friday at the bay front park in Raintree Estates and one more Jib and Main series race and then it is time to plan for the Annual Awards Banquet that will be held in January this year. Keep a lookout for announcements for the venue and details to get your reservations in. We are currently shortlisting our restaurant options and getting the menu selected. Even though the year is not yet over, it is never too soon to thank all of the volunteers that have pitched in throughout the year. If you helped with any of the activities from committee duties, hosted and event at your home, assisted in any of the cookouts, reserved the park pavilion at the 50th anniversary and Race to the Park, or tended the keg, on behalf of the Bridge I thank you for your time and talents! This club is only as fun as we make the time to make it fun! I also want to thank my fellow bridge members for their dedication and time to keep this club strong. If you are new to the club, we welcome you and look forward to meeting you and sharing some good times in your company!

Fair Wind to you all!

Patrick Ballasch BBSC Commodore



As you know the shortened days have ended our Wednesday evening races. I have had some requests to continue Wednesday evening races but at an earlier time, we have settled on 3 pm. That should give enough daylight to complete the race.

This will regrettably make participation difficult on most of our faithful sailors who are still gainfully employed, but we have a number of sailors who are retired or have the work schedule flexibility to participate.

We will discuss rules prior to the first race. We plan to keep things as simple as possible.

This "Old Folks" Series (or as I prefer - "Master of Your own Destiny" series) will start Wednesday November 4th. We will discuss race committee and rules prior to departure. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie.

Winds are generally stronger this time of year so it should be a lively good time.

BLUEWATER BAY MARINA / BUDWEISER SINGLE HANDERS RACE 2015

Well we had another successful single handed race on the bay. This was the 22nd Annual Single Handed Regatta. This regatta has become the largest race on the bay and one of the best times and producers of "war stories".

We had 26 boats register. 26 boats started and 26 boats finished. The winds were NNE 15 – 20 kts. Yeah baby ! This was the fastest race ever – first place finished in 1 hr 41 min 13 sec. The course miraculously worked out to be perfect for the wind conditions and direction.

We had a Bermuda start from the Rocky "1" vicinity and raced a 9.8 nm course around the bay to finish back at the same start area. Thanks to Debbie Sheldon and her race committee crew who ran a professional race as well as Alan Comer for use of his yacht as a race committee vessel.

1st	DIAMOND	Brett Hinely	Island Trader 41
2nd	UNTAMED	Mark Hunter	J-22
3rd	BUSCHWACKER	Scott Sheldon	Catalina 320
S p e c i a l recognition goes to the following:			

- Bill Deming on "Pandemonium" who was oldest racer on the course!!!!
- Ian Hunter as the youngest participant. He is on the Niceville High School sailing team!
- Ty Avolio – dead last but finished
- Mickey Duvall and Brett Hinely for sailing in all 22 races. The last two men standing !

Budweiser provided awards to all participant (except the one junior). When all was said and done it was a great sailing day with a different twist to the normal racing venue. All boats ranging from a 81 rater to a 240 rater competed and enjoyed the day. Thanks again to Budweiser for co-sponsoring the race and providing refreshments, t-shirts, and awards. We have already starting to plan for our 23rd Annual Single Handers Race and our goal is 30+ boats. Maybe next year it will really blow hard.

P.S. Where was Fort Walton Yacht Club?

Bluewater Bay Marina — Brett Hinely



Hello Sailors. The 2015 Grand Finale came through with a whimper. We had a great race committee in Zack Van Voast and crew. Under extremely light air conditions, they were able to complete two races, though the second was achieved by shortening the course to a single upwind leg. The first race was our traditional windward-leeward fourleg (four-mile) course. We had two classes, spinnaker and non-spinnaker. The nonspinnaker class was particularly well attended with six boats (three boats in the spinnaker class). The results are below.

Congrats to Shenanigan and Pandemonium for bullets all around. Please remember that our last Jib and Main (JAM) race will be on 5 Dec. I hope to see you out on the water.

I want to take this moment to remind all our members who race and those that don't race but may be interested in participating, we are a volunteer club and as such we need volunteers to make the club function. Please take a look at the list of folks who stood in for the task of committee duty for the PHRF races this year. Please thank them when you get a chance for ensuring we have races.

PHRF Fleet Captain Mark Hunter



Date	Regatta	Committee
Sat., January 17	JAM #1	—
Sat., January 31	JAM #2	Mark Hunter
Sat., February 14	JAM #3	Obie Olds
Sat., February 28	JAM #4	Zack Van Voast
Sat., March 7	Kick-Off Regatta with Eglin Yacht Club — JAM #5	Neville Edenborough
Sat., March 28	Spring Regatta	Mark Hunter
Sat., April 11	Pick Your Poison	Mickey Duvall
Sat., May 9	Sailfest	Tom Whittemore
Sat., June 6	Round the Bay West	Zack Kastl
Sat., June 27	Round-the-Bay East	Pat Ballasch
Sat., July 11	Double Handed Regatta	Buzz Clarke
Sat., August 1	Night Race	Michael Phillips
Sat., August 29	Ladybug Regatta	Brett Verzwylt
Sat., September 12	Challenge Cup	FWYC - Canceled
Sat., September 26	Race to the Park — 50th Anniversary of Sailing Club	Mark Hunter
Sat., November 7	Grande Finale	Zack Van Voast
Sat., December 5	JAM #6	Bill Deming

	1st Race	2nd Race	Overall Points	Place	Comments
Spinnaker					
Shenanigan	1	1	2	1	Best start 1st Race
Push it Up	3	2	5	2	Tie Breaker -Lowest Point 2nd Race
Avocet	2	3	5	3	Sailed into a hole 2nd race
Non-Spinnaker					
Pandemonium	1	1	2	1	
Kahlua	2	3	5	2	
Naut Under Control	5	2	7	3	Tie Breaker - Best race out of 2 Races & Lowest Point 2nd Race
Rock & Roll	3	4	7	4	Did a 360 for fouling Kayla at start
Just Us	4	5	9	5	Best start 2nd Race
Kayla	DNF	DNF			Volunteered to DNF 1st Race so we could start a 2nd Race



**BBSC
Store**

**The club is taking
orders for
50th Anniversary
gear.**

**Contact Brenda
Crabbe at
quarter-master@
bbsc.com**

50th Anniversary Hat: \$20



Unstructured Hat



Structured Hat



Dri-Fit Shirt



Poly/Cotton Blend

50th Anniversary Polo: \$25
(Mens & Ladies S-XXXL)



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